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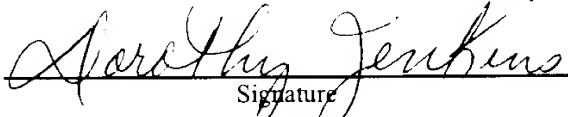
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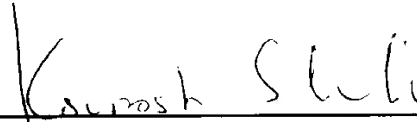

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COMMUNICATION/SUBMISSION

This is a Communication to accompany the Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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AMENDMENTS

☐ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.



REMARKS/ARGUMENT

After final rejection, a paper (dated June 26, 2002) was submitted for consideration.

In an Advisory Action dated July 19, 2002, it was indicated that the paper had not been entered because it raised new issues which required further search.

This paper is now being submitted for entry and consideration.

Claims 1-2 and 5-12 are in the application.

Claims 1 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Phy, U.S. Patent No. 4,688,075. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 12 call for, in combination with other limitations, heating a substrate before it receives a singulated die that has a thin, flexible, partially cured polyimide, insulating film on a surface thereof. It has been set forth that Phy does not teach heating the substrate as called for by claims 1 and 12. It has been set forth, however, that heating the substrate as called for in claims 1 and 12 is well known in the art and thus involves a routine optimization of the process shown by Phy. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness all of the limitations of a claim must be shown by reference to prior art. It is respectfully submitted that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established in that a prior art reference that shows heating the substrate prior to placement of a die as set out in claim 1 has not been identified. A prior art reference showing heating of the substrate prior to placement of a die as set out in claims 1 and 12 is requested for the record. Otherwise, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 12 are requested. Claims 2 and 5-11 depend from claim 1, and, therefore, include its limitations. These claims include other limitations, which in combination with those of claim 1, are not shown or suggested by the art of record. Reconsideration is requested.

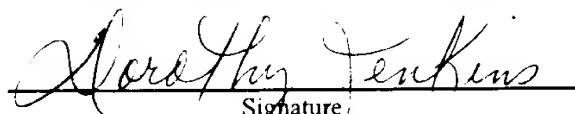
The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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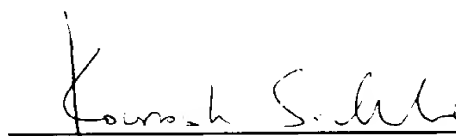


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